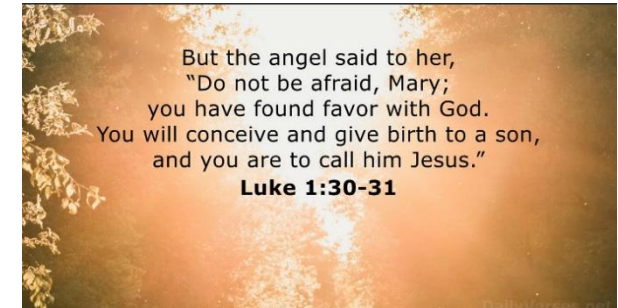




How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?



Key Vocabulary	
Gospels	four books of the Bible which are biographies of Jesus' life and teachings
Annunciation	the visit of Angel Gabriel to Mary to ask her to be Jesus' mother and her agreement
Miracle	An extraordinary event believed to have been caused by God or other supernatural forces.
incarnation	God in human form; God the flesh.
Saviour	Jesus, who saved people from sin so that they can be close to God
immaculate conception	the idea that Mary became pregnant without reproducing biologically through sexual intercourse
New testament	The second part of the two main parts of the Bible, containing the books written after the birth of Jesus Christ



But the angel said to her,
 "Do not be afraid, Mary;
 you have found favor with God.
 You will conceive and give birth to a son,
 and you are to call him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31



Key Scripture from the Bible

Key Knowledge

- Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother. Mary was young, pure, a virgin and an ordinary girl.
- An angel visits Mary and says she is highly favoured and will give birth to a son - Jesus. Joseph thought Mary had betrayed him and was going to break off their engagement. After the angel had visited Joseph he realised that 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit' - that God had put the baby inside her.
- Christians believe that Mary was chosen to be the mother of God over all other women on Earth.
 - Christians believe that Jesus was God incarnate.
- Christians believe that God came to Earth incarnate to show people how to lead good lives, forgive them for the things they do wrong and prove to them (through resurrection) that there is life after death.
- The gospel of John may suggest that Jesus needed to be born of an earthly mother to truly be God incarnate.

The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' - a messiah. Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. Christians see Jesus as their Saviour; he was sent by God to save humanity from the consequences of its sins - the bad things humanity had chosen to do which had separated them from God.